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SUBJ: MORE VIOLENCE AGAINST "IL GAZZETTINO"

1. WHILE MOST OF THE FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA AND THE VENETO REMAIN RELATIVELY QUIET, VIOLENCE IS MOUNTING IN PADOVA AND VENEZIA, SPECIFICALLY AGAINST THE DC-ESTABLISHMENT REGIONAL DAILY "IL GAZZETTINO". LATEST VICTIM WAS SHOT THREE TIMES IN THE LEGS APRIL 22 IN THE CORRIDORS OF PADOVA UNIVERSITY. HE IS PROFESSOR ENZIO RIODANTO (PRESIDENT OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF "IL GAZZETTINO", CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, CASSA DI RISPARMIO DI PADOVA AND ROVIGO, PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AT PADOVA, AND WELL-KNOWN DC SYMPATHIZER).
  2. SO-CALLED "NUCLEO COMBATTENTI PER IL COMUNISMO" CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK WHICH CAME HARD ON THE HEELS OF THE CLOSING OF THE POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTY OF PADOVA AND THE ON-AGAIN AND OFF-AGAIN CLOSINGS OF THE EDUCATION FACULTY. SHOOTING OF RIONDATO WAS FOLLOWED BY THE KILLING OF A YOUNG OFF-DUTY CARABINIERI AND HIS FRIEND BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF APRIL 23, NEAR MESTRE.
  3. OTHER ATTACKS AGAINST "IL GAZZETTINO" INCLUDE THE SHOOTING OF ONE OF ITS REPORTERS LAST YEAR AND THE BOMBING IN MARCH OF UNCLASSIFIED
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- THE OLD EDITORIAL OFFICES WHICH KILLED A CUSTODIAL EMPLOYEE.
4. IL GAZZETTINO S CONSERVATIVE VIEWS, ITS CLOSE TIES WITH THE DC ESTABLISHMENT AND ITS INFLUENCE THROUGHOUT THE NORTH-EAST (150,000 CIRCULATION) UNDOUBTEDLY MAKE IT A PRIME TARGET FOR THOSE WHO WOULD WISH WEAKEN ITALIAN INSTITUTIONS. LED BY ITS DIRECTOR GIANNI CROVATO, "IL GAZZETTINO" NEVERTHELESS

CONTINUES TO TAKE A COURAGEOUS PUBLIC POSITION CONDEMNING THE  
SPIRALING VIOLENCE AND CALLING ON ITS READERS TO CLOSE RANKS  
AND DEFEND ITALIAN DEMOCRACY. MOEN.

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